

## CLAIMS

1. An information processing device comprising:  
classifying means for classifying a file recorded on a recording medium according to information on a date of creation of the file;  
detecting means for detecting a file obtained externally among files recorded on said recording medium;  
and  
display control means for displaying a result of classification by said classifying means on a display unit;  
wherein when said detecting means detects the file obtained externally, said classifying means classifies the file according to information on a date of obtainment.
2. The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
said display control means divides a predetermined display screen of said display unit into a plurality of areas, assigns a date to each of the divided said areas, and displays, as a result of classification, at least presence of said file in said area to which a date corresponding to the information on the date of creation or the information on the date of obtainment of said file classified by said classifying means is assigned.

3. The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

said display control means displays the information on the date of creation or the information on the date of obtainment of said file classified by said classifying means as a result of classification on a predetermined display screen of said display unit.

4. The information processing device as claimed in claim 2 or claim 3, further comprising instructing means for giving an instruction to display a list of files classified as a result of classification on the predetermined display screen of said display unit,

wherein according to the instruction given by said instructing means, said display control means displays the files classified by said classifying means on said display screen such that the file classified according to the information on said date of creation and the file classified according to the information on said date of obtainment are distinguished from each other.

5. The information processing device as claimed in claim 2 or claim 3, wherein

said display control means scrolls the predetermined display screen of said display unit to display said result of classification.

6. The information processing device as claimed in claim 5, wherein

said display control means changes a speed at which the predetermined display screen of said display unit is scrolled according to a volume or a quantity of files classified as said result of classification.

7. The information processing device as claimed in claim 6, wherein

when changing the speed at which the predetermined display screen of said display unit is scrolled, said display control means considers also a scroll amount required to display a result of classification to be displayed by scrolling at a predetermined position on said display screen.

8. An image pickup device comprising:

image pickup means for picking up an image of a subject, and recording the image of the subject as an image file on a recording medium;

receiving means for obtaining an external image file, and recording the external image file on said recording medium;

classifying means for classifying the image file recorded on said recording medium according to information on an image pickup date of the image file;

detecting means for detecting the external image file obtained by said receiving means among image files recorded on said recording medium; and

display control means for displaying a result of classification by said classifying means on a display unit;

wherein when said detecting means detects the externally obtained file, said classifying means classifies the file according to information on an obtainment date.

9. An information classification processing method comprising:

a classifying step for classifying a file recorded on a recording medium according to information on a date of creation of the file;

a detecting step for detecting a file obtained externally among files recorded on said recording medium; and

a display control step for displaying a result of classification in said classifying step on a display unit;

wherein in said classifying step, when the file obtained externally is detected in said detecting step, the file is classified according to information on a date

of obtainment.

10. The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 9, wherein

in said display control step, a predetermined display screen of said display unit is divided into a plurality of areas, a date is assigned to each of the divided said areas, and at least presence of said file in said area to which a date corresponding to the information on the date of creation or the information on the date of obtainment of said file classified by said classifying means is assigned is displayed as a result of classification.

11. The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 9, wherein

in said display control step, the information on the date of creation or the information on the date of obtainment of said file classified by said classifying means is displayed as a result of classification on a predetermined display screen of said display unit.

12. The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 10 or claim 11, further comprising an instructing step for giving an instruction to display a list of files classified as a result of classification on the predetermined display screen of

said display unit,

wherein in said display control step, according to the instruction received in said instructing step, the files classified in said classifying step are displayed on said display screen such that the file classified according to the information on said date of creation and the file classified according to the information on said date of obtainment are distinguished from each other.

13. The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 10 or claim 11, wherein

in said display control step, the predetermined display screen of said display unit is scrolled to display said result of classification.

14. The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 13, wherein

in said display control step, a speed at which the predetermined display screen of said display unit is scrolled is changed according to a volume or a quantity of files classified as said result of classification.

15. The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 14, wherein

in said display control step, when changing the speed at which the predetermined display screen of said display unit is scrolled, a scroll amount required to

display a result of classification to be displayed by scrolling at a predetermined position on said display screen is also considered.

16. An information classification processing method comprising:

an image pickup step for picking up an image of a subject, and recording the image of the subject as an image file on a recording medium;

a receiving step for obtaining an external image file, and recording the external image file on said recording medium;

a classifying step for classifying a file recorded on said recording medium according to information on a date of creation of the file;

a detecting step for detecting an externally obtained file among files recorded on said recording medium; and

a display control step for displaying a result of classification in said classifying step on a display unit;

wherein in said classifying step, when the externally obtained file is detected in said detecting step, the file is classified according to information on an obtainment date.